

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. William Lewis
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National Archives
Washington, DC 20409

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The enclosed letter from Master Sergeant Dewitt C. Hays, U.S. Army, requests access to CIA-originated classified documents relevant to his research into Soviet intelligence and security organizations in the 1925-45 period. More specifically, I gather that he wishes to use an Army classified card index for 1944-53, which contains some CIA-originated material. We understand that Sergeant Hays will use his research both to compile an annotated bibliography for the Director of Research of the Defense Intelligence College (DIC) and to prepare a thesis as part of his own course of study at the DIC.

If the DIC has certified Sergeant Hays' Top Secret clearance directly to you, we can authorize him access to CIA-originated material at the level of his clearances or lower that is directly pertinent to his research as described above.

I'll enclose a copy of our "CIA Records Access Policy" to guide you in handling any CIA documents Sergeant Hays wishes to use. As paragraph three indicates, Sergeant Hays is free to take notes and to have copies made of CIA documents, so long as the National Archives collects and sends these notes and copies to this office through proper security channels. After CIA review, we shall send to the DIC Directorate of Research the documents and notes released and notify Sergeant Hays and you of any material that cannot be released.

I am forwarding a copy of this authorization to Sergeant Hays and to Commander Bruce Watson, USN, Director of Research at the Defense Intelligence College.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature Box]

J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

Enclosures

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